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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MARR, MU, SA

SUBJ: VISIT BY DOD OFFICER TO OMAN AND SAUDI ARABIA

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1. WELCOME MALONEY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. I HAVE
APPOINTMENT WITH PRINCE SULTAN IN TAIF SUNDAY AUG 5
TO EXPLAIN PURPOSES MALONEY MISSION IN TERMS OF OUR
INTEREST ASSESSING IN MORE SATISFACTORY AND COMPREHENSIVE FASHION CHARACTER OF DHOFAR WAR AND HOW IT
BEST CAN BE CONTAINED. WILL BE HAPPY MAKE LTCOL FIFER
AVAILABLE. BELIEVE SULTAN WILL AGREE TO MALONEY VISITING
BORDER AREAS AND HE CAN SAFELY PLAN VISIT JIDDA IN MANNER
SUGGESTED REFTEL. WE WILL SEND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTSECRET

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IONS BY SEPTEL.

2. INEVITABLY, HOWEVER, MALONEY PRESENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HE IS COMING FOR WILL LEAD TO RENEWED SAUDI

QUESTIONS ON HOW USG PLANS PROCEED REINFORCE SAG EFFORTS MODERNIZE YAR DEFENSES (JIDDA 2750). SAUDI ENTHUSIASM FOR A NEW US FORAY AIMED AT ASSESSING OMAN END OF THE COMMUNIST DRAGON WILL NOT BE VERY GREAT IF WE STILL UNABLE PROVIDE ANSWERS OR SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD SAG AND US ROLES IN QUELLING THREAT AT OTHER END LOCATED IN YAR-ADEN REGION.

- 3. ACCORDINGLY IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IF MALONEY COULD BE FULLY BRIEFED ON USMTM-QABBANI RECOMMENDATIONS AND BE PREPARED INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE PROVIDE ANSWERS ON THESE TOPICS DURING HIS VISIT HERE, PREFERABLY IN DIRECT MEETING WITH SULTAN. IN DOING THIS WE ASSUME MALONEY WOULD BRING WITH HIM PRESENT STATUS DOD THINKING REGARDING OPERATION TRAIANGLE, AND WHAT FURTHER STEPS DOD REGARDS AS NEEDED FOR REFINEMENT OF PROGRAMS PROPOSED.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: I BE AUTHORIZED INFORM SULTAN AUG 5 THAT COL MALONEY VISITING PENINSULA NOT ONLY TO ASSESS PROBLEM OF DHOFAR REBELLION BUT ALSO TO DISCUSS FURTHER STEPS NEEDED IMPART MOMENTUM TO SAUDI EFFORTS STRENGTHEN YEMEN ARMY AND AIR FORCE. THACHER UNQUOTE ROGERS

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